

## European Solar Energy Storage

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## Overview

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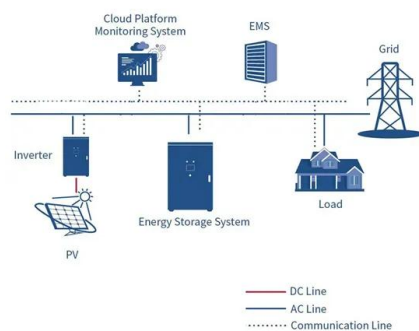


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## How Did Solar Cells Get So Cheap?

Solar photovoltaic modules have suddenly emerged as one of the cheapest options for bulk electricity supply. In a recent Energy Policy article, Kavlak et al. (2018) describe a methodology for quantifying causes of such cost movements and apply it to photovoltaic modules.



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